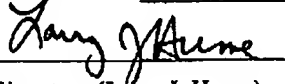


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January 12, 2004 (Monday)

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003 (Paper No. 10), the period for response having been extended two (2) months until January 12, 2004, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Attachments to this Response include:

- Copy of Substitute Drawing Transmittal (1 page);
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